

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S63–S97

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3153–3169, S.J. Res. 64, and S. Res. 465. **Pages S93–94**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 2302, to amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs. (S. Rept. No. 116–200) **Page S93**

Measures Passed:

Czech Republic and Slovak Republic: Senate agreed to S. Res. 343, congratulating the people of the Czech Republic and the people of the Slovak Republic on the 30th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution, the 26th anniversary of the formation of the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic, and the 101st anniversary of the declaration of independence of Czechoslovakia. **Page S76**

Fall of the Berlin Wall 30th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 385, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, the reunification of both Germany and Europe, and the spread of democracy around the world. **Pages S76–77**

2019 Bolivia Elections: Senate agreed to S. Res. 447, expressing serious concern about widespread irregularities in Bolivia's October 20, 2019, general elections and supporting the convening of new elections in Bolivia at the earliest possible date, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S77–79**

Detention of Senator Leila De Lima: Senate agreed to S. Res. 142, condemning the Government of the Philippines for its continued detention of Senator Leila De Lima, calling for her immediate release, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S79–80**

U.S. alliance with Republic of Korea: Senate agreed to S. Res. 152, expressing the importance of the United States alliance with the Republic of Korea and the contributions of Korean Americans in

the United States, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S80**

Iran Hostage Crisis 40th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 395, recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Iran Hostage Crisis. **Pages S80–81**

Preventing Illegal Radio Abuse Through Enforcement Act: Senate passed S. 1228, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for enhanced penalties for pirate radio. **Page S81**

Developing Innovation and Growing the Internet of Things Act: Senate passed S. 1611, to ensure appropriate prioritization, spectrum planning, and interagency coordination to support the Internet of Things, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S81–84**

Preventing Illegal Radio Abuse Through Enforcement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 583, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for enhanced penalties for pirate radio, and the bill was then passed. **Page S84**

Ray Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, January 9, 2020, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Paul J. Ray, of Tennessee, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. **Page S97**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 89 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. EX. 6), Matthew H. Solomson, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years. **Pages S64–88, S97**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 88 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. EX. 3), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S68–69**

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 7), Eleni Maria Roumel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years. **Pages S69, S88, S97**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 4), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S69**

By 91 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. EX. 8), Michael George DeSombre, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand. **Pages S69–70, S88–89, S97**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 64 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 5), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S69–70**

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—8) **Pages S69–70, S88–89**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:26 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S97.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NONPOINT SOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Nonpoint Source Management Program under the Clean Water Act, focusing on perspectives from states, after receiving testimony from Jennifer Zygmunt, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Cheyenne; and Ben Grumbles, Maryland Secretary of the Environment, Baltimore.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William Scott Hardy, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, who was introduced by Senator Toomey, John F. Heil III, to be United States District Judge for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma, who was introduced by Senators Inhofe and Lankford, David Cleveland Joseph, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, who was introduced by Senator Cassidy, Cory T. Wilson, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, who was introduced by Senators Wicker and Hyde-Smith, and Edward Hulvey Meyers, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 5552–5562; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 83; and H. Res. 780, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H64–65**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2932, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure that the needs of children are considered in homeland security planning, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–370, Part 1); and

H. Res. 781, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 83) directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers

Resolution to terminate the use of United States Armed Forces to engage in hostilities in or against Iran (H. Rept. 116–371). **Pages H62–63**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H15**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:57 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H21**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:07 p.m. and reconvened at 2:19 p.m. **Page H30**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2:26 p.m. **Page H30**